Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Charles Fossum and Lorene Larsgaard exchanged their wedding vows on October 22, 1960, in the Bethany Lutheran Church at Fairview, South Dakota, with the Reverend R.A. Olsen officiating, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Charles and Lorene gave life and love to five children: Todd, Rick, Michael, Lisa, and Jillayne, and their lives have been further blessed with nine grandchildren; and,

Whereas, The couple has farmed in Lincoln County their entire married life, and Lorene served as the U.S. Postmaster for the Fairview Post Office from November 1988 until her retirement in September 2008; and,

Whereas, Charles and Lorene have been active members of Bethany Lutheran Church at Fairview; and,

Whereas, Charles and Lorene, sixth generation members of their Norwegian immigrants to Lincoln County, have been the proud owners of the historic Paul M. and Berthe Mahlum Fossum Homestead of Grand Valley, Lincoln County, South Dakota, which was originally homesteaded in 1874; and,

Whereas, Family and friends will join Charles and Lorene on Sunday, October 31, 2010, at an open house at Bethany Lutheran Church at Fairview, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of a devoted couple who has shared life's beauty and sorrow and has grown to love one another more because of their common journey:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2010, as

CHARLES AND LORENE FOSSUM DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State